

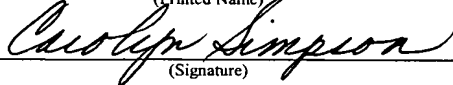


Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0684 (H1719)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Xiang et al.

Title: METHOD OF
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CHANNEL REGION
(formerly "A METHOD OF
FABRICATING A
STRAINED SILICON
CHANNEL FINFET")

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated July 14, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner stated the following:

While forming a fin or channel region of a finfet by using strained material to form fins is known in the art as evidenced for example Krivokapic¹ (U.S. Patent No. 6,855,583) that shows forming strained material in the trench of insulating

¹ Same assignee

- material and then removing the insulating material, it fails to show or make obvious forming a fin by placing strained material in a trench of compound semiconductor material and then removing the compound semiconductor including all the limitations of the independent claims.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.

REMARKS

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated July 14, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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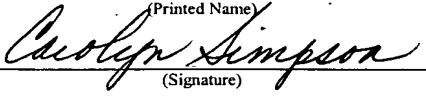
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Sir:


Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-referenced application.

- ☒ [X] Issue Fee Transmittal (2 pages).
- ☒ [X] Form PTOL-85(B) (1 page).
- ☒ [X] Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages).
- ☒ [X] Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,700.00 (1 page).

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